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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**Box RCE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patent
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 2, 2003.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 as follows (see the accompanying "marked up" version):

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